THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The missions where HOMs post is presently vacant are as follows :

| Sl. No. | Country | Date since vacant |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Argentina | 3-4-1992 |
| 2 | Germany | 1-11-1991 |
| 3 | Laos | 1-4-1992 |
| 4 | Nigeria | 22-3-1992 |
| 5 | Sudan | 13-12-1991 |
| 6 | Syria | 26-6-1991 |
| 7 | Yugoslavia | 1-1-1992 |
| 8 | Indonesia | 25-2-1992 |
| 9 | Sweden | 7-1-1992 |

The processing of filling up the vacant posts of Heads of Missions is underway Candidates for filling in all the above posts now stand selected and their approval by the receiving government is awaited.

**Establishing Diplomatic Relations with more Countries**

*188. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI SOM PAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several countries with whom India do not have regular diplomatic relations;

(b) if so, what are the names of those countries;

(c) what are the reasons for not having formal regular diplomatic relations with these countries;

(b) whether Government propose to set up missions in these countries in the near future; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Among the member countries of United Nations India does not have formal regular diplomatic relations only with the following 8 countries :

1. Federal States of Micronesia
2. Fiji
3. Haiti
4. Honduras
5. Liechtenstein
6. Marshall Islands
7. South Africa
8. Dominican Republic

(c) to (e) With Fiji, diplomatic relations were severed in 1989, due to that Government's discriminatory policies against Fijians of Indian origin. With the other countries, India's bilateral relations are monitored and whenever it is deemed in national interest, formal diplomatic ties would be established.

**Early delimitation of constituencies**

*189. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Delimitation Commission is likely to take quite some time to complete its work; if so, the time likely to be taken by it;

(b) whether Government propose to take any immediate steps for the delimitation of constituencies; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY) : (a) to (c) At present there is a Constitutional embargo on fresh delimitation of constituencies until the publication of population figure of the census following the year 2000. The Constitution (Seventy-first Amendment) Bill, 1990 seeks to provide for readjustment of constituencies without affecting the total number of seats allocated to various States on the basis of 1971 census. This Bill has already been passed by this House and presently stands referred to a Select Committee of the Lok Sabha. In view of the existing

Constitutional embargo fresh delimitation can only be taken after the aforesaid Bill becomes an Act. The Government would take necessary follow up action including bringing forward a Delimitation Bill as soon as the existing embargo is removed. Delimitation Commission would also naturally take some time to delimit the constituencies in the entire country. It is not, however, at present possible to give any time-frame for delimitation of the constituencies.

190. [*Transferred to the 8th May*, 1992.]

**Bilateral Agreement with the United Arab Emirates**

*191. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the President of the United Arab Emirates recently visited India and discussed several issues;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held with the President of UAE;

(c) the outcome of the talks; and

(d) whether any bilateral agreement has been signed, if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The discussions covered an assessment of the international situation and possible steps to strengthen bilateral relations.

(c) The talks confirmed the close identity of views on the international and regional situation and it was decided that in order to fortify bilateral relations, there will be an exchange of visits, both governmental and from the private sector.

(d) A bilateral agreement on avoidance of double taxation was signed.

**Decision taken on ANC President's request**

*192. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the ANC President Mr. Nelson Mandela has asked for Indian help to mobilise the support of friendly countries for holding free and fair elections for a Constituent Assembly in South Africa; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Companies Registered in Public Sector and Joint Sector**

*193. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of companies that were registered in the year 1991-92 in public sector under State and Central Government and in the joint sector; and

(b) what are the names of the companies and the capital invested in those companies ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) A total number of 15 companies in public sector under Central/State Government and in the Joint Sector were registered during the year 1991-92.

(b) The details alongwith the authorised capital of these companies are given in the statement. (*See* below). The amount of the capital invested in the newly registered companies is known only after the companies commence their business and their first Annual Reports/Returns/Balance Sheets become available.